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NEWS.

DR. ARTHUR HOLLICK, of New York, is to complete the monograph, *The Later Extinct Floras of the United States*, left unfinished at the death of Professor Newberry. The plates were printed some time ago, and include the cretaceous and tertiary floras of the west.

Among the scientific expeditions of the present summer we note that of Professor J. C. Branner to study the coral reef of Brazil; two sent out by the American Museum (New York) to collect fossils in our western states; Dr. J. L. Wortman visits Wyoming to collect fossils for the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburg; Mr. Harrington and Mr. Sumner revisit Egypt in the hopes of obtaining the embryology of *Polypterus*; Professor W. A. Setchell goes with a party of botanists to Alaska to study the flora; the University of New Mexico will study the geology, botany, zoölogy, and ethnology of that territory; the Union Pacific Railroad invites 300 geologists to conduct geological investigations in the neighborhood of their lines; Mr. Alexander Agassiz, with a party of assistants, will spend several months in the study of the deep seas and the coral reefs of the South seas, the U. S. Fish Commission steamer *Albatross* being placed in his charge; Professor Libbey goes with a party from the University of Princeton to Greenland and will conduct deep-sea dredgings in the Arctic seas; an expedition from the University of Chicago to explore the ruins in the vicinity of Merida, Yucatan; Professor Charles E. Bessey studies the flora of western Nebraska; Professor John Macoun investigates the flora of Sable Island; Dr. John N. Rose goes to Mexico to investigate several points in economic botany; Drs. Trelease, Fernow, Coville, and Saunders visit Alaska under the invitation of Mr. E. H. Harriman; Dr. Luigi Buscaloni, of Turin, goes on a botanical expedition to the lower Amazon region; Alexis A. B. Birula, of St. Petersburg, goes as zoölogist with the Russian expedition which is to measure an arc of a meridian on the island of Spitzbergen.

Dr. Anton Dohrn, of Naples, and Dr. Melchior Treub, of Buitenzorg, Java, have been elected foreign members of the Royal Society.

The statue to Darwin in the museum of the University of Oxford was unveiled on June 14, the ceremony being preceded by an address by Sir Joseph Hooker.

A compromise has been effected by which the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia receives one-half of the bequest of \$300,000 left it by the late Dr. Robert Lamborn.

Vassar College has been promised \$25,000 towards a biological laboratory on condition that another similar amount be raised for the same purpose.

The death of Dr. Axel Göes, of Stockholm, Sweden, which occurred in August, 1887, has remained unchronicled in scientific journals until recently. He was well known for his researches on Crustacea and Rhizopods. He was 62 years of age.

Professor Douglas H. Campbell, of Leland Stanford University, and Dr. B. M. Duggar, of Cornell University, will spend the coming year in Europe.

Appointments to Fellowships: Johns Hopkins University: Lawrence Edmonds Griffin, zoölogy; Joseph Cawdell Herrick, physiology; George Burr Richardson and Richard Burton Rowe, geology. Bryn Mawr: Miss Elizabeth Towle, biology. Tufts College: Mr. Harrison S. Allen and Mr. George F. Morton, biology.

The following appointments in zoölogy have been made at Harvard University: Dr. F. W. Bancroft, Parker Fellowship; H. W. Rand, Virginia Barrett Gibbs Scholarship. C. W. Prentiss, S. R. Williams, and W. A. Willard have been appointed assistants in zoölogy.

H. M. Benedict, formerly Fellow in zoölogy at the University of Nebraska, has been chosen head of the Biological Department of the Nebraska State Normal at Peru.

Emerson E. McMillin has given the Ohio Academy of Science \$250 with which to carry on scientific investigations, and declared his intention of giving the same amount annually, if the money is wisely expended. During the last session of the legislature, the academy put forth strong efforts to secure an appropriation for a topographic survey of the state to be undertaken in coöperation with the U. S. Geological Survey. The bill passed the Senate, but did not come to a vote in the House.

Appointments: Marshall A. Barber, associate professor of cryptogamic botany in the University of Kansas. — Miss Annie I. Barrows, assistant in zoölogy in Smith College. — Dr. George A. Bates, professor of histology in the Tufts College Dental School. — Mr. John G. Coulter, instructor in botany in Syracuse University. —

Dr. Deichmüller, of mineralogical and ethnological museum at Dresden, titular professor. — Dr. Julius Doeger, adjunct of the Austrian Geological Survey. — Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, professor of geology in Northwestern University. — Dr. R. G. Harrison, associate professor of anatomy in the Johns Hopkins University. — Dr. Herbertson, lecturer on physical geography in the University of Oxford. — Dr. F. D. Lambert, instructor in biology in Tufts College. — Dr. Frank R. Lillie, of the University of Michigan, professor of biology in Vassar College. — Dr. Florence M. Lyon, assistant in botany in Smith College. — Mr. Harold Lyon, assistant in botany in the University of Minnesota. — Dr. E. B. Matthews, associate professor of petrography and mineralogy in the Johns Hopkins University. — Dr. Elisa Norsa, assistant in the zoölogical cabinet of the University of Bologna. — Miss Winnifred J. Robinson, instructor in biology in Vassar College. — Dr. C. Schenck, docent for anthropology and ethnology in the University of Lausanne. — Dr. G. B. Shattuck, associate in physiographic geology in the Johns Hopkins University. — Mr. John Louis Sheldon, assistant in botany in the University of Nebraska. — Max Standfuss, docent in entomology, titular professor in the University of Zürich. — Dr. Franz Edouard Suess, assistant on the Austrian Geological Survey. — Mr. W. H. Wheeler, assistant in botany in the University of Minnesota. — Dr. J. L. Wortman, of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, curator of the department of geology and paleontology in the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburg, Pa.

Deaths : Franz Benteli, entomologist, in Bern, Switzerland, January 28, aged 75. — Dr. Otto Böckeler, a student of the genus *Carex*, in Varel, Oldenburg, March 5, aged 95. — Dr. Ludwig Büchner, titular professor and the author of *Force and Matter* and similar works, in Darmstadt, April 30, aged 75. — Carl Jonas Reinhold Elgenstjerna, botanist, in Nora, Sweden, March 25. — Charles Stuart Gregson, an English student of Lepidoptera, January 31, aged 81. — Friedrich Hepp, geologist, in Pretoria, South Africa, Aug. 8, 1898. — Dr. Theodor von Hessling, formerly professor of anatomy in the University of Munich, May, aged 83. — Dr. Joseph Armin Knapp, assistant in the botanical department of the Court Museum of Vienna, April 1. — Rev. James Dignes La Touche, geologist, in Stockesay, England, February 24, aged 74. — Gottlieb William Leitner, a student of Asiatic anthropology, in Bonn, February 22, aged 58. — Dr. Giovanni Michelotti, paleontologist, at Turin, Italy, December 21, aged 84. —

Dr. Naudrad, bryologist, in Tahiti, November, 1898. — Dr. William Nylander, lichenologist, in Paris, March 29, aged 77. — Paolo Mach di Palmstein, student of Italian algæ, in Fiume, Italy, January 5, aged 28. — Dr. August Römer, conservator of the Natural History Museum in Wiesbaden, May 1, aged 74. — Joseph Stevens, geologist, in London, April 7, aged 81. — Dr. Thomas O. Summers, professor of anatomy in the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, January 19.